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Dear Commission Members:

MVFR is a national organization with family members of murder victims spread throughout the nation, including many who reside in Maryland. All members have at least two things in common, the first that they have undergone the tragedy of the homicide of a family member, the second, that each and every member supports repeal of the death penalty in all cases. It is our feeling that it dishonors the memory of our loved ones to seek another death in their names. In addition, there is a further personal and practical reason to substitute death with life without the possibility of parole, and that is that with a true life sentence, there are not the continuous and long lasting appeals that are mandatory after a death sentence. We can move on with our grief and our lives once we know that the killers of our loved ones will be spending the balance of their natural lives in prison.

We, the signers of this letter, officials of MVFR, are both family members of murder victims ourselves, and affirm that we can speak for all of our hundreds of members and thousands of supporters.

Our contact information can be found below, and we would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

With great respect,

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